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Advocates to help city police review sex assault cases

A FIRST FOR OTTAWA

Approach used in Philadelphia becoming model for investigations

Ryan Tumilty
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Ottawa police will work with outside groups to review sex assault investigations, an idea the force rejected just over a year ago.

Insp. Jamie Dunlop confirmed the force is putting together a case-review process including victims' advocates to look at how officers handle cases.

Dunlop said he's confident in the work his officers are doing, but that doesn't mean there isn't room for improvement.

"It's taking experts in their field and having them look through our files through a different lens," he said.

A similar approach used in Philadelphia became a standard and has dramatically improved investigations in that city.

A Metro investigation last year revealed police had classified more than 2,500 sexual assault cases as "unfounded," a categorization that means the officer does not believe the assault took place.

Dunlop said they're now sitting down to work out the details with victims groups and they hope to have a review process up and running later this year.

Sunny Marriner, executive director of the Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre, said front-line advocates need to be at the table and they need to have all the facts.

"Reviewers need to be looking at the same information that officers were when they made their decision," she said.

She said being able to see clearly inside the process would help them improve it, something they haven't had before. "Without advocates having a really clear view of what's going wrong in the file they can't make as useful suggestions. They can't bring forward that voice for survivors."

O NO CANADA

How a parliamentary technicality could kill the push for a gender-neutral version of our anthem

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David Sedaris has not shied away from chronicling his life, except when it comes to an ex. **Life**

5 DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THIS WEEKEND

Doors Open Ottawa is happening this weekend. There are 165 buildings participating this year, and some are open to the public for the first time. This weekend is your chance to explore some of Ottawa's most interesting buildings for free. There are 40 new sites this year, according to the City of Ottawa, and a free shuttle bus is available to get to nearly 70 sites. **ALEX ABDELWAHAB** METRO

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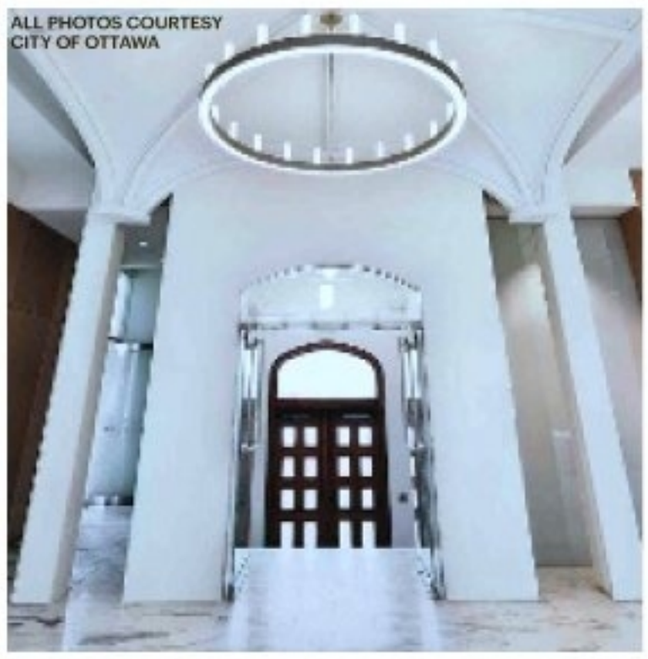

1 Global Centre for Pluralism

New this year, the newly opened Global Centre for Pluralism is meant to advance respect for diversity around the world. The building was the former site of the Public Archives, from 1905 to 1967, and the Canadian War Museum, from 1967 to 2005. The Global Centre for Pluralism was built with a $35 million investment from the Aga Khan.
Where: 330 Sussex Dr.
When: Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2 Parliament of Canada: East Block

New this year, the East Block has guided tours where visitors can learn about the earliest years of Parliament. The East Block was the original home of Canada's executive branch, and housed the offices of Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George-Étienne Cartier at the time of Confederation. Visit 90 Wellington St. for same-day tour tickets. Limited availability.
Where: 111 Wellington St.
When: Saturday – 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sunday – 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

3 Le Cordon Bleu Paris, Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute

Housed inside Munross Mansion, a Tudor revival style house, constructed in 1874, the building has been restored to its original grandeur. It now houses Le Cordon Bleu Ottawa Culinary Arts Institute and Signatures Restaurant.
Where: 453 Laurier Ave. E.
When: Sunday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4 Thompson Perkins Building – Mill Street Brew Pub

The Mill Street Brew Pub Ottawa opened in January 2012 in the historic Thompson-Perkins & Bronson Pulp Mill, built in 1842. The building is Ottawa's oldest surviving mill that was once a part of one of the world's largest lumber operations. Visitors will get guided tours of the brewery and grounds. This is the first time this building is participating in Doors Open Ottawa.
Where: 555 Wellington Ave.
When: Saturday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5 Lester B. Pearson Building (Global Affairs Canada)

Opened in 1973, the Lester B. Pearson building was designed as a modern take on the Sphinx in Egypt. Visitors can take in exhibits about Canadian missions and embassies abroad, play in the kids' zone and talk to a "human library" of experts.
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Ottawa DIGEST

Province allows photo radar on Ottawa streets
It's official. Photo radar cameras are coming to Ottawa's streets.

On Tuesday, the province officially passed the Safe School Zones Act, which allows municipalities to install photo radar cameras, now renamed Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technology under the act, in school zones and designated community safety zones.

The law also gives municipalities the power to reduce speed limits in certain areas.

Mayor Jim Watson said he looked forward to working with city councillors and staff to implement a pilot project as soon as possible.

The mayor has said money collected by photo radar programs would fund road safety initiatives. METRO

Action plan to review policing culture
Ottawa police presented their draft framework for its Multi-Year Action Plan for Bias-Neutral Policing at the Police Services Board meeting earlier this week.

Among its goals the action plan is trying to address concerns related to racial profiling, racism, human rights, diversity and discrimination. The full action plan is expected this fall, and will review several different areas of Ottawa's policing culture, including leadership & governance, human resources, training, policy and procedures, and engagement.
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Tiny change could sink gender-neutral anthem

O CANADA

Bill would need new sponsor if Senate amends legislation

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Singer Nelly Furtado sings the Canadian national anthem before an NBA all-star basketball game in Toronto last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Parliamentary procedure and an amendment of just a few words could end the push for a gender-neutral O Canada on a sour note.

Sen. Frances Lankin, who is sponsoring the bill in the upper chamber, raised concerns Wednesday that a small amendment to the bill, which passed the House of Commons last year, could scuttle the changes altogether.

In one of his last acts in Parliament before his death, Ottawa-Vanier MP Mauril Bélanger sponsored a bill to change the line "in all thy sons command" to a more inclusive "in all of us command."

That bill passed the house in a vote of 224 to 74. Conservative Sen. Don Plett proposed one more tweak last week that would change the lyrics to "thou dost in us command."

Here's the wrinkle.

If the Senate sends a changed bill back to the House, MPs need to vote to approve the changes. But they also need unanimous consent to name a new sponsor, because of Bélanger's passing.

Lankin said that consent is unlikely.

She said she believes the change is part of a series of delaying tactics. If the government prorogues the house over the summer the bill could also die.

"I have been told by a number of members of the Conservative caucus that the intent of a smaller number of members is to prevent this from coming to a vote," she said.

Plett was not available for an interview, but in a statement he said he believes the existing lyrics are fine, but his proposed changes would represent a compromise.

"I believe that the anthem is inclusive in its present form and that Canadians hold these lyrics near and dear to their hearts," he said.

He said he didn't know amending the bill would have this impact, but he's disappointed at the suggestion he had a nefarious purpose.

"For a senator to suggest that I would purposely take advantage of the death of a former colleague is disheartening."

Lankin said she actually likes Plett's amendment and doesn't think he was trying to take advantage of Bélanger's death, but she can't support it because it will kill the legislation.

"Inadvertent as it may be, that is the effect of it," she said. "I know it would kill the bill."

She said the Senate takes seriously its role of improving legislation, but to usurp the will of the democratically elected House is wrong.

"That's outside the role of the Senate and I think it's untenable for a small group of senators to deny a democratic expression."

TRANSIT

City to work on discount single fare

City staff will get to work on a proposed discount fare for low-income transit users, but cautioned councillors it will be a challenge.

A motion to study the idea, which would allow for a discounted single-ride fare alongside the current discounted monthly passes, passed unanimously at the city's transit commission Wednesday.

John Manconi, the city's general manager of transportation, said working out the details isn't too complicated, but finding a model that can fit with the city financial goals could be difficult.

"That will be the challenge, but the rest of the logistics we just need time, because we are very busy."

The city set a goal of having 55 per cent of transit revenues come from fares and 45 from tax revenue. Manconi said adding the new fare could upset that balance.

He said they want to give council a good set of options when they come back with ideas this fall.

"What we roll out we want to roll out well."
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"What we roll out we want to roll out well."
John Manconi

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Liberals table bilingual bill

QUEEN'S PARK

Proposal aims to recognize city's status in provincial law

Alex Abdelwahab
Metro | Ottawa

Liberal MPP Nathalie Des Rosiers has introduced a private member's bill to recognize Ottawa's bilingual status in provincial law.

Des Rosiers, who represents Ottawa-Vanier in the Ontario legislature, wants to amend the City of Ottawa Act to "recognize the bilingual character" of the city.

She proposed amending the law so that it includes Ottawa's existing bilingualism bylaw and language policy.

When asked what difference this would make, Des Rosiers called the bill an "important symbolic gesture" and said it ensures "the bilingual character of the city is in a statute, as opposed to a bylaw that could be changed at any time."

"It prevents a future mayor from declaring Ottawa a French-only city or an English-only city," she said, clarifying that it wouldn't change the level of day-to-day service.

> **It would not lead to any immediate changes.**
> Nathalie Des Rosiers

"It would not lead to any immediate changes in any way," she said.

Des Rosiers announced the bill alongside four other MPPs from the Ottawa area, before tabling it just after 3 p.m. on Wednesday. The legislature rises for the summer on Thursday.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of young people gathered in front of Ottawa City Hall to call for the city to be declared officially bilingual.

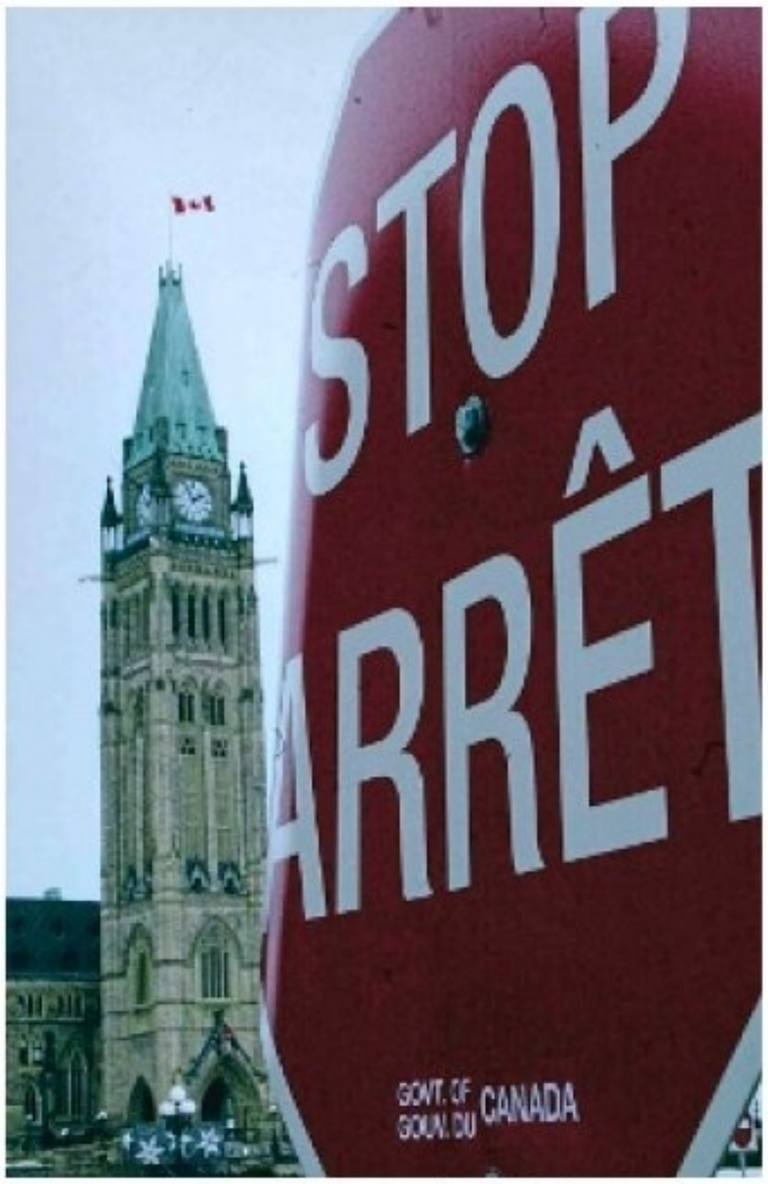
Their main goal was to get the city's bilingualism policy and bylaw recognized by the City of Ottawa Act.

They called on city council to adopt a resolution asking the province for the changes.

Pablo Mhanna-Sandoval, president-elect of the Fédération de la Jeunesse Franco-Ontarienne (Franco-Ontarian Youth Federation), one of the main organizers of the rally, said Des Rosiers' private member's bill aligned with their goals.

"Our organization welcomes, of course, this great private member's bill," he said.

"It's a huge step."



A government of Canada-approved stop sign frames the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PARATRANSPO

Agency seeking feedback

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

The head of the city's transportation department said they're working to improve ParaTranspo service for frustrated riders, but it might mean some difficult conversations.

Transportation general manager John Manconi told commissioners at the city's transit commission that he knows the service has not been delivering as well as it should be. He said that might mean the city has to look at services and standards as well as moving to online booking, which could leave some people out.

He is set to meet with several riders on Thursday and said he looked forward to hearing from them.

Manconi said the city has done a lot to invest in services over the past few years, but they will keep working to ensure it's meeting people's needs.

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Taxpayers at risk with new bank

DEVELOPMENT

Investors in infrastructure guaranteed public money

$35 billion

Amount the feds will invest in the new infrastructure bank, aiming to get up to four times that from the private sector.

Federal investments doled out through the government's new infrastructure financing agency may be used to ensure a financial return to private investors if a project fails to generate enough revenues, documents show.

The revenues attached to projects financed through the soon-to-be-created infrastructure bank are key to the government's plan to leverage private capital to pay for public roads, bridges and transit systems.

What investors have recently been told — and what the finance minister was told late last year — is that if revenues fall short of estimates, federal investments through the bank would act as a revenue floor to help make a project commercially viable.

That would be the case when the bank takes a subordinated equity position, where the government buys ownership shares in a project, and would only be reimbursed after those higher up the equity ladder receive their repayments.

Experts say the wording in the documents suggests taxpayers will be asked to take on a bigger slice of the financial risk in a project to help private investors, a charge the government rejects.

The opposition parties have taken the Liberals to task for days in the House of Commons over the plans to create the bank, enshrined in a budget bill the government wants passed before the summer recess. During the daily question period Wednesday, the Liberals were forced to defend how the bank would reduce risks for the private sector.

Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi said the bank wouldn't invest in projects that are too risky, or that aren't in the public interest.

Building new infrastructure, like a new Prince of Wales bridge, may come with risk. METRO FILE

The experts that will run the agency "will make sure that taxpayer dollars are always protected."

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer questioned why private investors wouldn't pick up the full tab for projects if the government was only going to pick those that never lose money.

"Liberals will hand-pick projects and they'll hand-pick the investors and they admit that the bank is all about de-risking private projects for private investors," he said. "That means that investors get all the profit and taxpayers get all the risk. Can the prime minister explain to hardworking Canadians why he's asking them to co-sign loans for the richest one per cent?"

The Liberals see the bank as a way to build projects that are too expensive for government to handle and too risky for the private sector to tackle alone.

The government plans to infuse the new institution with $35 billion — $15 billion in cash, $20 billion equity and loans — hoping to pry three or four times that amount from the private sector for large-scale projects. But the projects have to generate revenue, meaning they would result in new toll roads or bridges where user fees finance the construction costs.

An expert on federal finances from the Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy at the University of Ottawa said the government hasn't been as clear publicly as it has been privately on the level of risk involved.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Jurors call for fed help coping

Former jurors delivered an emotional plea Wednesday for the federal government to create national supports for Canadians who perform jury duty.

Mark Farrant, who said he developed post-traumatic stress disorder after serving on a jury in 2014, characterized the experience as a descent into a dark hole from which he never escaped.

"I'm not the same person going out of that trial as I was going in," he said at a press conference in Ottawa.

Jurors deliver a public service, Farrant said, adding support must be provided to ensure others don't suffer as he did.

Farrant said he met this week in Ottawa with MPs including Bill Blair, the parliamentary secretary to Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, and officials from the Justice Department.

Julie Dabrusin, the Liberal MP for Farrant's riding of Toronto-Danforth, said the federal government can play a role in discussions with provincial and territorial counterparts on how to move forward with programs like the one adopted in Ontario.

In January, that province introduced a new program for jurors who can get counselling in person, over the phone, by teleconference or over email.

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CANADA 150 STAMPED IN OUR HISTORY The most famous goal scored in Canadian hockey history is now featured on a stamp. Canada Post unveiled a stamp Wednesday showing Paul Henderson immediately after scoring the goal that gave Canada a victory over the Soviet Union in the 1972 Summit Series. It is one of 10 maple-leaf-shaped stamps that mark significant moments in the last 50 years being released for the country's 150th anniversary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INQUIRY

Son of murdered woman speaks up

The distraught son of Wendy Carlick, an advocate for missing and murdered Indigenous women who was found dead weeks ago, interrupted the national inquiry on Wednesday to share his grief.

Alex Carlick walked into the tent in Whitehorse where another family was testifying and began to speak into a microphone. Wearing dark sunglasses, he said he was crying because both his mom and sister were taken from him.

"I see no cops here because they never did nothing for anything that I went through," he said. "I lost everything, the closest family I have."

"I feel everybody's pain around here. It's pretty hard that you have to go through these situations," he added.

Carlick left the tent in tears. The family members that had been testifying about their loved one, manslaughter victim Evangeline Billy, appeared shaken and a break was taken.

All are welcome at the community hearings, said Bernee Bolton, the inquiry's spokeswoman.

"This individual recently lost his mother and although he was not scheduled to speak today, we did expect him at some time," she said.

These occurrences are to be expected, which is why health supports are in place, she added.

"This is all part of the healing and truth telling process."

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IN BRIEF

Ex-nurse expected to plead guilty to murder charges

A former nurse accused of killing eight seniors in her care is expected to plead guilty to first-degree murder charges in their deaths at a court appearance on Thursday.

Elizabeth Wettlaufer currently faces a total of 14 charges, including eight counts of first-degree murder.

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Asylum seeker found dead near border

MANITOBA

A woman from Ghana died from apparent hypothermia

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister says the federal government has failed to reduce the risk in illicit border crossings because it has not tried to persuade the U.S. president to soften his immigration and deportation policies.

A woman who authorities believe was originally from Ghana was found dead from apparent hypothermia near the U.S.-Manitoba border on Friday. Mavis Otuteye, 57, was found roughly one kilometre south of the border near Noyes in a remote part of northwestern Minnesota.

Pallister said the President Donald Trump's crackdown is driving people to sneak across the border and risk their lives.

"We need to address the root cause of this … the desperation people clearly are feeling — combined with the hope they feel — as they pursue a better life and come from the United States to Canada and to Manitoba," Pallister said Wednesday.

A spokesman for Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Goodale was not able to respond directly to Pallister's comments, but added that the government has been clear in its messaging.

"Irregularly crossing the border is not a free ticket to Canada. Anyone who is found to not be a genuine refugee will be removed," press secretary Scott Bardsley said.

Refugee advocates and immigration lawyers say many refugee claimants have no choice but to cross through fields and ditches because, under the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement, they are automatically turned back at official border crossings if they have already made a claim in the U.S.

People who make it onto Canadian soil before being caught are entitled to Canada's normal refugee process. Since January, more than 2,000 asylum-seekers have walked across the border -mostly in Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia - before turning themselves into authorities.

"I have always said that the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement puts people's lives in danger and that's exactly what's happened right here," Winnipeg immigration lawyer Bashir Khan said.

"Because of the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement, that woman died of hypothermia. … She should have been allowed to come right to the port of entry on the Canada-U.S. border and make a refugee claim."

Some refugee advocacy groups, along with the NDP, have called on Ottawa to suspend the agreement, but the government has said the U.S. asylum system continues to meet international obligations.

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U.S. could abandon climate pact

POLITICS

Leaving deal would fulfil a key campaign promise

President Donald Trump is expected to withdraw U.S. from the Paris climate-change accord. AP

President Donald Trump is expected to withdraw the United States from the landmark Paris climate-change accord, a White House official said Wednesday, though Trump and aides were looking for "caveats in the language" related to the exit and had not made a final decision.

"I'm hearing from a lot of people both ways," Trump told reporters as he welcomed Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc to the White House. He said he'd be announcing his decision "very soon."

Leaving the deal would fulfil a central campaign pledge but would anger international allies who spent years in difficult negotiations that produced an accord to reduce carbon emissions.

Trump faced considerable pressure to hold to the deal during visits with European leaders and Pope Francis on his recent trip abroad. The president and his aides were finalizing the details of a pullout, an official said, insisting on anonymity to discuss the decision before an official announcement.

While Trump currently favours an exit, he has been known to change his thinking on major decisions and tends to seek counsel from a range of inside and outside advisers, many with differing agendas, until the last minute.

A second White House official, who was not authorized to discuss private conversations and also insisted on anonymity, said Trump had not made a final decision on how to proceed.

Trump's top aides have been divided.

He was to meet later Wednesday with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who has favoured remaining in the agreement. Chief strategist Steve Bannon supports an exit, as does Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt. Senior adviser Jared Kushner generally thinks the deal is bad but would like to find a way to see if U.S. emissions targets can be changed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada still committed to Paris Accord

Canada is aligning itself with the world's other two largest economies to take a global leadership role in the effort to limit greenhouse gas emissions.

Environment Minister Catherine McKenna said that Canada remains committed to the Paris Accord. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pollution costs Canadian economy 'billions': Report

Pollution costs Canadians tens of billions of dollars every year, according to a new report.

Published by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the report says that poor air quality alone cost the economy $36 billion in 2015.

While a lack of data for some pollutants barred them from giving an overall estimate, the report contends that it's "very likely" they would add "tens of billions" to the annual cost — meaning the yearly price could be well over $50 billion. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SOCIAL MEDIA

The mystery of covfefe

It appeared at 12:06 a.m., without warning, like a shooting star through the dark night.

Covfefe. Noun. (Was it a noun? It seems like it was trying to be a noun.) A word used, Wednesday, by the president of the United States.

It has come to this. To the confusion, delight and genuine alarm of the night owls of the world's most powerful country, Donald Trump wrote the following six words to his 31 million Twitter followers early on Wednesday: "Despite the constant negative press covfefe"

That was it. Covfefe. Trump deleted the tweet six hours after it went up and then tweeted a rare bit of self-deprecation: "Who can figure out the true meaning of 'covfefe'??? Enjoy!"

Until then, people on the Internet did the deprecating for him, making tens of thousands of jokes. It was impossible, obviously, to compete with the original.

Covfefe remained Twitter's top trending topic until it was deleted just before 6 a.m. The president's tweet had more than 100,000 retweets. For a few hours, Donald Trump brought the world together. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

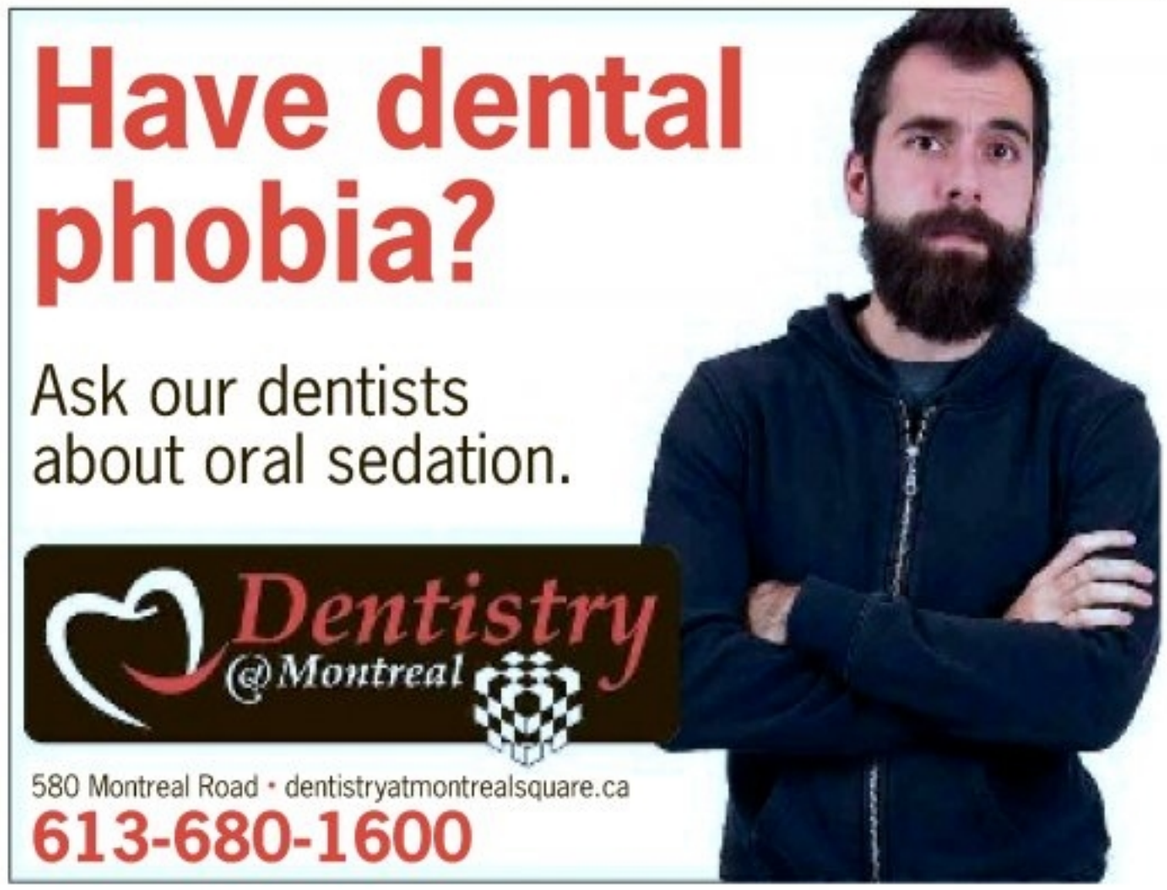
AFGHANISTAN

Death toll rises in Kabul bombing

A suicide attacker struck the fortified heart of the Afghan capital with a massive truck bomb Wednesday, killing 90 people, wounding 400 and raising new fears about the government's ability to protect its citizens nearly 16 years into a war with insurgents.

The bomber drove into Kabul's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter, leaving behind a bloody scene of chaos and destruction in one of the worst attacks since the drawdown of foreign forces from Afghanistan in 2014.

Most of the casualties were civilians, including women and children, said a spokesman of the public health ministry. There was no claim of responsibility for the attack, which came in the first week of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The Taliban flatly denied any involvement in an email to news outlets and condemned all attacks against civilians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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VICKY MOCHAMA ON RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

A more humane system treats prisoners with compassion; it grants them a humanity that their lives might not have allowed for.

In prisons, we are facing a mental health problem and a growing population of women and girls.

To combat this troubling trend, we need to shift our thinking across the entire criminal system.

The fastest growing population in prisons worldwide is of women and girls. Sadly, this is also true in Canada. Overwhelmingly, female prisoners are some of society's most vulnerable.

Per the Elizabeth Fry Society, "They are primarily poor or homeless, undereducated and have addictions or mental-health problems such as schizophrenia, depression and anxiety disorders."

Since 2001, there has been a 100 per cent rise in Indigenous women in prisons. And according to Correction Services Canada (CSC), the number of people entering prisons with a mental illness doubled between 1997 and 2010.

Increasingly, the justice system is criminalizing those that society has failed to protect. We are punishing individuals for our society's failures.

By making changes that are less punitive and more humane — for example, counselling and drug therapies rather than solitary confinement and prolonged sentences — the justice system can help prisoners escape the cycle of poverty and criminality.

Disrupting the prison pipeline is not solely a concern of the federal government. The federal prison agency houses 40 per cent of the 40,000 incarcerated people in this country. The rest are in provincial and territorial jails, including people awaiting trial or serving community sentences.

A more humane prison system treats prisoners with compassion; it grants them a humanity that their lives might not have allowed for.

This inability to deal with pressing issues on mental health and vulnerability is increasingly evident. In the last decade, the number of prisoners who self-harm has tripled, according to data from CSC reported in the Globe and Mail. Self-injury is a marker of mental distress.

More strikingly, deaths in prison tell of the failure to deal with problems that are becoming more urgent. For prisoners like Cleve Geddes, Moses Amik Beaver and Soleiman Faqiri, to name a few who died in custody, mental health was a factor.

That many decades of punitive prison conditions have not worked is becoming evident to the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights, too.

The committee is undertaking a national fact-finding mission to understand the experiences federal inmates.

Since February the committee has heard from 41 witnesses, including lawyers, advocates and individuals.

One senator, Senator Kim Pate, has been vocal in her criticism.

Speaking to the Montreal Gazette, she said, "We know that the people who end up in prison aren't from another planet, they're from our communities by and large. And unless they die in prison, they'll be coming back to our communities … If the goal is truly to rehabilitate these people, we're failing them."

Our criminal justice system must focus on providing justice, not on making more criminals.

We are punishing individuals for our society's failures.

More humane and less punitive policies, like this quilt-making class at an Ontario correctional facility, can help inmates escape the cycle of criminality, writes Vicky Mochama. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vicky Mochama is Metro's national columnist. She appears every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

No 'us' and 'them' in the war on terror

Azeezah Kanji
Metro Views

The images of the aftermath of the Manchester attack are devastating: families stricken with grief, a country's sense of safety and security shattered.

We can mourn the lives lost in Manchester last week because our media shows us their faces and tells us their stories — an attention hardly ever accorded to those living under the daily barrage of the U.S.-led war on terror.

We see the girls killed at a concert, but not the wedding parties pulverized by missiles in Yemen.

Our hearts break for the families bereaved in terror attacks in Western countries, but generally don't register the pain of Iraqi mothers whose babies have life-threatening birth defects caused by toxic American weaponry.

The same week as the atrocity in Manchester, airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition killed more than 100 civilians, including 42 children, in Syria, according to London-based human rights organization Reprieve. How many in Canada were even aware of these other atrocities, let alone familiar with the names and faces and stories of the victims?

We profile the casualties of Muslim terror in Europe and North America in heart-rending detail — ages, ambitions, loved ones — but don't bother keep track of the total number of Muslim civilians dead in the name of fighting terror.

The best estimate, from Physicians for Social Responsibility, puts the death toll in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan at 1.3 to 2 million in the first 10 years of the assault (this excludes Yemen, Somalia, Libya and Syria).

Western victims of terror are grieved as individuals; Muslim victims of the war on terror aren't even recorded as an accurate statistic.

These are the privileges of the West: of feeling normally invulnerable to the types of destruction our militaries rain down on others, of not needing to know or care about the consequences of the violence our countries derive profit from. (The U.S., Canada, France and the U.K. are the biggest exporters of arms to the Middle East.)

We are left always asking why "they" hate us — is it because of our freedom? Our pop music? — while being ignorant about the grievances produced by our government and its allies.

Mainstream Canadian media coverage and commentaries artificially disconnect acts of non-state terrorism from this broader context of the brutalities of state counterterrorism.

This sustains the myth that "their" violence is exceptionally aggressive, senseless, fanatic, and indiscriminate, while "ours" is all defensive, rational, liberatory, and precise.

But on both sides of the pretend line between "they" who are barbaric and "we" who are civilized, it is innocents who bear the heaviest burden.

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The New York Times ditches public editor position as part of job cuts

Why his ex was off limits

David Sedaris has not shied away from chronicling his life, but the beloved memoirist cringed when he re-read entries about his first breakup

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

When a young David Sedaris first began writing his diaries back in the late 1970s, he would head to the International House of Pancakes (IHOP) in his hometown of Raleigh, N.C.

It didn't matter that the coffee was disgusting, or gave off a burning odour that "you could smell from the parking lot," he says, or that even when you poured plenty of cream in, the liquid never changed colour, because the staff would let him sit and write and read for as long as he wanted. On some days it was just Sedaris, wearing a beret — "a beret!" he emphasizes — occupying a booth while documenting his life on the back of paper placemats.

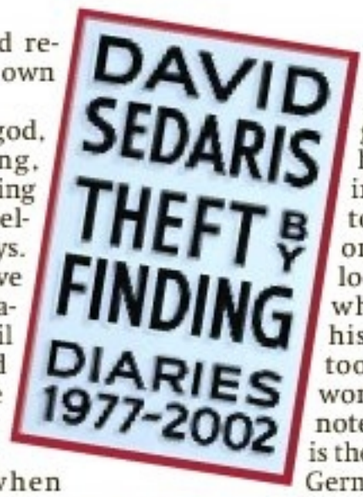
Although Sedaris is now a cultishly beloved memoirist well known for his live performances and diary readings, this is the first time he is sharing his early IHOP journalling in print. Theft By Finding: Diaries 1977–2002 is the first of two volumes of selected entries from his 153 personal notebooks. Lightly edited for clarity, the writing showcases not only the emerging sly, self-effacing wit and observational skills now well known to fans of his books like Naked and Me Talk Pretty One Day, but it also documents the life of a struggling artist, and the harsh day-to-day realities of being depressed, hungry and broke.

After Sedaris left Raleigh in 1984 for the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, he immediately found another IHOP from which to hold court. Chicago was also where he discovered the first live audiences for his diaries.

Sedaris was asked to take part in a variety show with a strict seven-minute performance limit, and not having anything appropriate timewise, decided to read funny passages from his personal notes.

"That changed the writing in my diary because when something happened, or I would see something that was funny, I would take extra care with it because I'd think this might work on stage," he says.

Sedaris has never kept diaries to chronicle his own emotions, and he rarely delves into his feelings, except for a short period of time in his early 30s following a breakup. He decided not to include those entries in Theft By Finding — his ex didn't want to be written about, and Sedaris also cringed re-reading his own words.



"Oh my god, the whining, and the talking about my feelings," he says. "I didn't have my first relationship until I was 27, and most people have their first relationship when they're 14, and they break up and act like they're 14. I was 30, 32 when I broke up with this person, and I acted like a 14-year-old."

The most challenging part of going through the notebooks, he says, was transcribing his own writing. What did that sentence say? "Cl... chu... Oh, it looked like he was wearing a clown nose," he says, laughing after stuttering several times for comic effect over the word "clown."

> **I didn't have my first relationship until I was 27 ... I was 30, 32 when I broke up with this person, and I acted like a 14-year-old.**
> David Sedaris

It's been about 25 years since Sedaris has written anything at an IHOP, though he's still a diligent diarist. He has no interest in Starbucks laptop culture, and only seeks out a local coffee shop while on tour if his hotel room is too depressing to work in. His spiral notebook of choice is the Japanese-made, German-named Rollbahn, a "traumatizing" switch — Sedaris hates any change — made a year ago. When his laptop was stolen in 2011, the biggest panic was over the loss of his tour diaries. Sedaris's boyfriend Hugh tried to reassure him that he still lived all those months, regardless of whether they were written down, but six years later Sedaris still sounds worried.

"But how do I know? I don't have any record of it. How can I be sure I lived if all the details aren't documented?"

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Rocker's father the star of documentary

THE SHOW: Bruce Springsteen: In His Own Words
THE MOMENT: The psych evaluation

Over images of cars cruising night streets, we hear Bruce Springsteen address a concert audience. "I had this habit," he says. "I used to get in my car and drive through my old neighbourhood in the little town I grew up in."

He says he did it late at night, three or four times a week, for years. Finally he went to a psychiatrist. "I said, 'Doc, what am I doing?'" Springsteen continues. "He said, 'I want you to tell me what you think you're doing.'" The audience chuckles.

Eventually the doctor tells Springsteen, "Something bad happened, and you're going back thinking you can make it right again." Springsteen agrees: "That's what I am doing, going back to see if I can fix it." The doctor says, "Well, you can't." Then Springsteen launches into the song "My Father's House."

The unseen star of this documentary, based on Springsteen's recent autobiography of the same name, is his father, who dominated young Bruce, and was later diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Springsteen admits that in many of his songs, he constructed a persona based on "a vision of my pop as a transcendent figure, my greatest foe and greatest hero." He even dreams about his dad watching him on stage.

OK, it's not the most complex psychological puzzle ever unravelled. But Springsteen's music is transcendent precisely because it plumbs the frustrations and yearnings of the common man. His best songs are three-minute shrink visits for fans unlikely to visit a real psychiatrist, and he's their hero/healer.

Bruce Springsteen: In His Own Words airs periodically on HBO and anytime on mobile devices via TMN GO.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Bruce Springsteen in 1972, part of HBO's Bruce Springsteen: In His Own Words. CONTRIBUTED

Style DIGEST
Eccentric Gucci

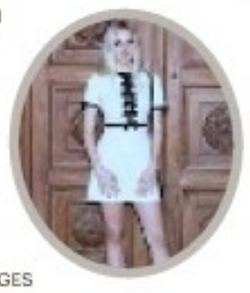
Heroic eras

Alessandro Michele's midseason Cruise 2018 collection was as artistically eccentric as the portraits hanging in the Medici's private Varsari Corridor. Michele referenced the Mediterranean basin's most heroic eras in the collection, from ancient Greece and Rome through the Renaissance. For Michele, the references represented a form of modernity.

"Those kinds of faces, like you know Vespucci and all the models from the Renaissance, they were the most eccentric rock 'n roll of the time. It is in our culture. It is still here. Greeks and Romans are still inside everywhere," he said.

Celebs

It was a night of Renaissance indulgence for the Gucci crowd, concluding with a performance by singer-songwriter **Beth Ditto** in a private garden. Celebrity guests included Elton John, **Kirsten Dunst**, Jared Leto and Dakota Johnson, who was accompanied by sisters **Stella Banderas** and Grace Johnson.



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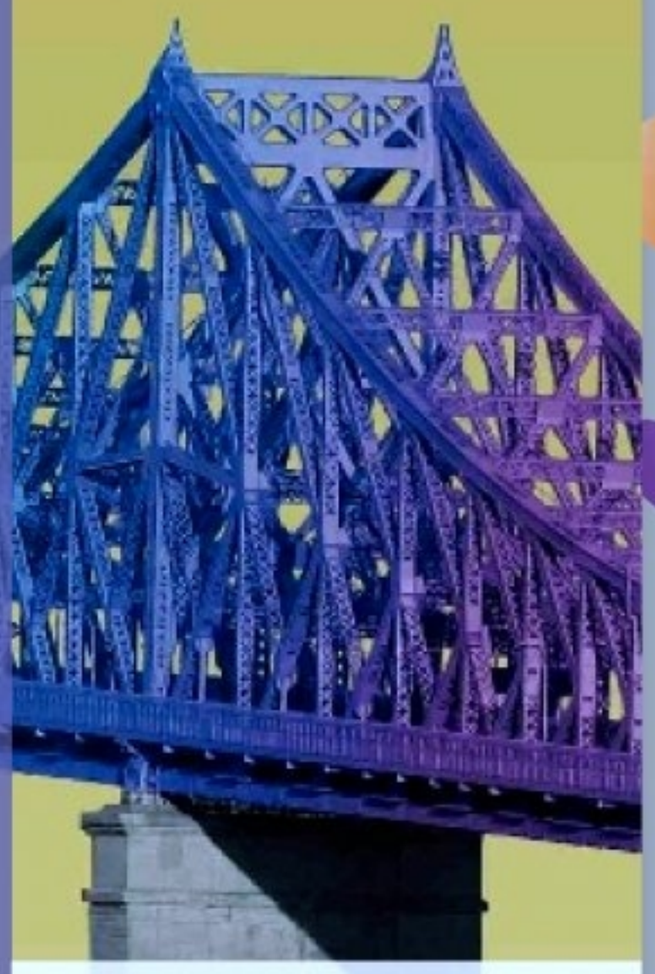

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MEET THE CONDO

Residential complex close to nature

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Project overview

Cardel Homes' Blackstone development in Kanata South is a community that offers something for every lifestyle. Blackstone features single family homes, townhomes and condos in a peaceful environment without sacrificing the conveniences of city living.

Housing amenities

All models in the Blackstone community offer nine foot ceilings and open concept floorplans. Other high end features, which may vary by model, include ceramic and hardwood flooring, air conditioning, new appliances and granite countertops.

Location and transit

With local transit routes and rapid transit stations nearby, getting around in Kanata and commuting to the downtown core is easy. Travelling by car is also nothing to worry about as Blackstone is located just off of Terry Fox Drive and the Queensway is easily accessible.

In the neighbourhood

Blackstone is close to shopping, dining and entertainment amenities. Kanata Centrum Shopping Centre is nearby and features over 40 different businesses. Blackstone is located close to nature and residents can easily access the Trans Canada Trail for walking, jogging and cycling. JENNA GUILBEAULT/FOR METRO

NEED TO KNOW

What: Blackstone
Builder: Cardel Homes
Location: Terry Fox Drive and Westphalian Avenue
Building: Condos, townhomes and singles
Models: Two to four bedrooms, two to two and a half bathrooms
Sizes: From 1,175 to 2,847 square feet
Pricing: Starting in the $340,000's
Status: Now selling
Occupancy: As early as October 2017
Sales centre: 139 Westphalian Ave. (for condos and townhomes), 100 Westphalian Ave. (for singles)
Phone: 613=435-5704 (139 Westphalian Ave.), 613-836-9521 (100 Westphalian Ave.)
Website: cardelhomes.com

DECOR

No longer fringe, shaggy-chic design has gone mainstream

Like coquettish long eyelashes or chic bangs, fringe has a beguiling style that draws it every so often back into the trend orbit.

Now is one of those times in fashion and home decor, thanks perhaps to our current flirtation with eclecticism and our ongoing love affair with the retro '70s.

You'll see many variations on fringe. Wispy bits softening the edges of textiles; thick hedgerows accentuating the lines of a rug or basket; longer curtains of fringe that make a piece of art or furniture that much more intriguing.

Urban Outfitters, for instance, has a Moroccan pouf covered in creamy cotton, with sequined trim and several wraps of woolly fringe. There's a bolster that marries pompoms, tassels, fringe and geometric embroidery. A wall hanging from India combines several clusters of fringe in a palette of blush, cream, apricot and grey.

For the bedroom, a soft cotton comforter, in charcoal, rose, tan or cream has rows and rows of dainty eyelash fringe. There's a throw blanket and pillow shams with the decorative trim, too.

Designer Nate Berkus has added fringe to several collections he's done for Target, including lampshades and a diminutive stool. This season, there are fringed table runners and throw pillows, and a little basket with a dapper fringe belt made of lampakanay, a Philippine fiber.

"Fringe is one of my favourite embellishments," says Berkus. "It always seems luxe to me."

Extra-long fringe creates a saucy skirt on a handwoven, black-and-white triangle pouf at West Elm. A Moroccan-inspired shag rug in black and grey with a sapphire streak and fringed edges brings drama to the floor. And a cotton bedspread with a Peruvian-inspired circle print is bordered with a thick fringe that punctuates the print.

At Toronto design house Elte, a Belgian linen pouf is dressed up with bone buttons and Tibetan wool fringe.

From Arhaus' Boho pillow collection, there's a woven lumbar pillow trimmed in black or ivory fringe in a contemporary yet playful motif.

And if you're ready for something a little more dramatic on the fringe front, consider designer Laura Kirar's Guernica lounge chair. The chair's back is dressed in a full mane of black or brown leather fringe. Smooth and textured laces are needled and knotted into 3,500 holes on the cane back, and the effect is spectacular.

"I love that it's strong and opinionated," says Kirar.

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Clockwise from left: A basket by designer Nate Berkus for Target. Patterned Indian-cotton pouf with fringe skirt from West Elm. Throw pillow from Urban Outfitters featuring pompoms, tassels and fringe. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

metro SPORTS

Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger has signed a new two-year deal that will extend his stay at the north London club to nearly 23 years

Ex-Argos have chance to hit ground running in Ottawa

CFL

New receivers should jell well with QB Harris

When Kenny Shaw and Diontae Spencer hit the CFL free agent market, they were looking for the right fit. A couple of familiar faces and the chance to join a top receiving corps led them to Ottawa.

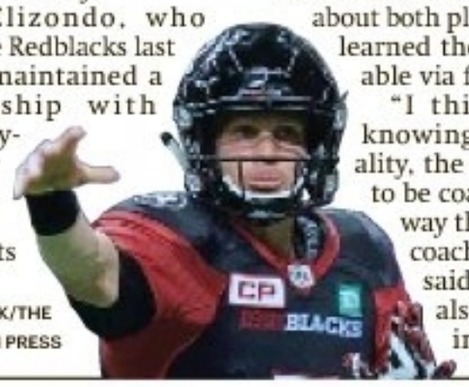
Shaw and Spencer will be counted on this season to fill two big holes in the Redblacks' offence left by departing star receivers Chris Williams and Ernest Jackson. But the defending Grey Cup champions are betting that the former Toronto Argonauts' familiarity with offensive co-ordinator Jaime Elizondo and quarterback Trevor Harris will pay dividends.

Having the two 25-year-olds join the Redblacks was exciting for Elizondo, who coached both while working as the Argonauts receivers coach in 2015.

"Diontae and Kenny bring a dimension of speed, it's hard to replace Chris Williams' speed, but Kenny's got some jets and (so does) Diontae," said Elizondo. "They're also very detailed guys. Kenny's one of the best route runners in the league in my opinion and they're young and that's the exciting part."

While Shaw is best known for his route-running ability, Spencer was coveted for his return ability.

Trevor Harris will have Kenny Shaw and Diontae Spencer to look for down field as the Redblacks embark their defence of the Grey Cup title. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Elizondo, who joined the Redblacks last season, maintained a relationship with both players after leaving Toronto and admits he spoke to Redblacks general manager Marcel Desjardins and head coach Rick Campbell about both players when he learned they were available via free agency.

"I think it helps knowing the personality, the way they like to be coached and the way they need to be coached," Elizondo said. "For me it's also understanding their skill set, what they're good at and then it's my job to put them in the best position to maximize their skill set."

Last season Shaw led the Argonauts with 1,004 yards and five touchdowns on 77 receptions, while Spencer, who played 12 games, had 706 yards and three TD's on 71 catches.

The two players will also benefit from their familiarity with Harris, who spent four seasons in Toronto and remained a close friend.

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"Trevor's a really good guy and we stayed in touch last season and him being here played a big part in my decision," Spencer said. "Coming into my third year in the CFL it was all about being comfortable and around good people, because that's when I'm at my best, and they said it's a good environment and the locker-room and the culture here is great."

Reuniting with Elizondo was equally beneficial for Spencer.

"In my first year he was great, he knew how to push me," said Spencer. "I know he'll be on me, but he'll get the best out of me."

Shaw left Redblacks practice Wednesday, but Rick Campbell said he spoke to him briefly before leaving the field and the receiver told him he'd be all right and was going to see the trainers.

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MLB

Travis springs to life in May

WEDNESDAY In T.O.

5	4
BLUE JAYS	REDS

Toronto's Devon Travis was determined to control the pace of his at-bat in a seventh-inning showdown with Wandy Peralta on Wednesday afternoon.

The Cincinnati reliever kept throwing to first base and Travis called timeout a few times to keep his timing intact while eventually working a full count. After a few foul balls, Travis drilled a tiebreaking two-run homer that helped Toronto to a 5-4 victory.

"It's something I've learned from watching a lot of these guys hit," Travis said. "Honestly I think that might have been my first time really ever taking to that. So that was pretty good."

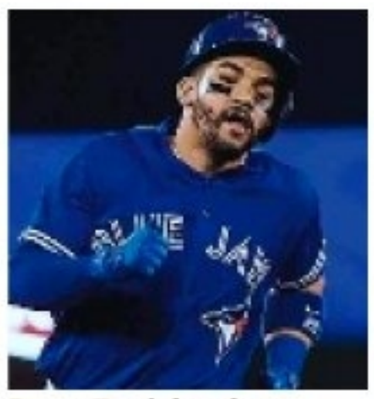
It's all part of the maturation process for the second baseman.

Travis has enjoyed a scorching May after a sluggish April and his play is a big reason the Jays (26-27) have won eight of their last nine games.

"He's driving the baseball," said Toronto manager John Gibbons. "He's hitting a lot of doubles and he's hit a handful of home runs. He's a good hitter, (that's) the bottom line.

"He's going to be a good hitter his whole career. (April) was just one of those tough months, but that's all forgotten now."

Travis's fifth homer of the season gave him 20 extra-base hits in May. Catcher Luke Maile also hit a two-run shot for the Jays, who swept the three-game set to improve to 5-1 on their 10-game homestand. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Devon Travis has three homers, 11 RBIs and a .442 average the past two weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

FRENCH OPEN

Raonic turns it on after flat first set

Milos Raonic GETTY IMAGES

Canada's Milos Raonic is through to the third round of the French Open after a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4 win over Brazil's Rogerio Dutra Silva on Wednesday.

Raonic fired his 25th ace of the day on match point to set up a third-round meeting with Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez .

In women's action, Montreal's Francoise Abanda was bounced from the second round after losing 6-0, 6-0 to 11th-seeded Caroline Wozniacki.

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IN BRIEF

Nats' Harper drops appeal

Washington Nationals star Bryce Harper has agreed to drop his appeal of a four-game suspension and will have one game shaved from the punishment.

Harper reached the agreement Wednesday with MLB and was to begin his suspension immediately.

The punishment stemmed from a bench-clearing brawl on Monday after Harper was hit by a fastball from the Giants' Hunter Strickland.

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NBA FINALS

LeBron's L.A. home hit with racial slur

Police are investigating after someone spray painted a racial slur on the front gate of LeBron James' home in Los Angeles on the eve of the NBA Finals.

An unidentified person spray painted the N-word on the front gate of James' home in Brentwood Wednesday morning, said a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Police Department. Police are investigating it as an act of vandalism and possible hate crime.

Speaking in Oakland, where his Cleveland Cavaliers face the Golden State Warriors in the NBA Finals beginning Thursday night, James said: "My family is safe, they're safe and that's most important," James said. "But it just goes to show that racism will always be a part of the world."

LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Luscious Fruit Salad with Cardamom Cider Dressing

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Who said salad had to be greens only? Why not serve a bowl of this luscious, summery goodness beside your next grilled dinner?

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 gala apple, sliced into cubes
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 cup diced pineapple
- 1 cup raspberries

Dressing

- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup apple cider
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 tsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp ground cardamom

Directions

1. Toss all your fruits in a large bowl.

2. Meanwhile, whisk the cider vinegar, cider, oil, honey and lemon juice. Add the vanilla and cardamom. Dress the salad with desired amount of dressing.

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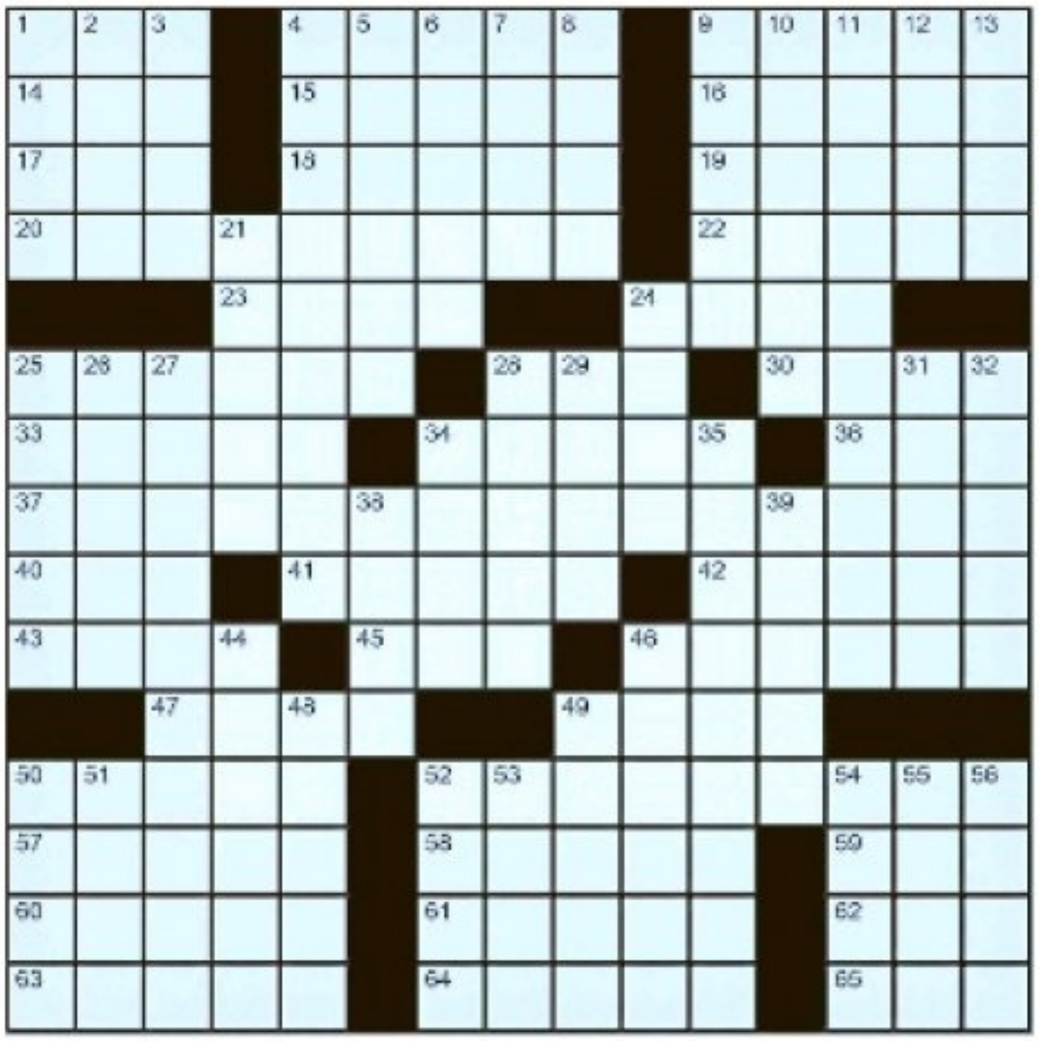
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS

1. "The Ring __" (2005)
4. Apples sorts
9. Farm milk dispenser
14. Electrical resistance unit
15. Sheep-like
16. "You rang?" character on "The Addams Family"
17. You, to Yves
18. Japanese poem of five lines/thirty-one syllables
19. Victoria Park is located in the 'hub' of what Nova Scotia town?
20. Maintains a balanced diet: 2 wds.
22. Romulus' twin brother in Roman myth
23. Toroidal topper
24. Clean
25. Amounts in egg cartons
28. Camel hair cloth
30. Mail
33. Prescription warning, '__ Directed'
34. __ Bay, British Columbia
36. Mr. Ferrigno
37. Lacey Burrows' portrayer on "Corner Gas": 2 wds.
40. Kiev's li'l land
41. De-wilds
42. Highlanders
43. Johnny Carson's predecessor Jack
45. Jamie Foxx title role
46. "I need water!" reason
47. Hock
49. Golf tap
50. Caterpillar, for example
52. Moving along quickly
57. Homer's epic masterpiece
58. Supercharger
59. At present
60. Canadian Rockies, for example
61. Low ship deck
62. "__ Freedom" (1987)
63. Staked, in poker
64. Plague, in Paris
65. Harrison Ford role, with Solo

DOWN

1. Bag style
2. '__, Nelly!': Ms. Furtado's debut album
3. Bypass
4. Ontario: 2017 marks this Greater Golden Horseshoe commuter service's 50th anniversary: 2 wds.
5. Helps
6. Jargon
7. Sacred looped cross
8. Show to one's table
9. Ne plus __ (Perfection)
10. Coerced confession cause
11. Midland Provincial Park's location in the badlands of Alberta
12. Hosiery hue
13. 17th Greek letters
21. Shave the sheep
24. Hot
25. Excavated: 2 wds.
26. Port city of Japan
27. Sort of wildlife pattern: 2 wds.
28. Rat's urban passageway
29. Striped insects
31. Rocker Mr. Gallagher's
32. Fred of Limp Bizkit
34. __ mater
35. Nik Wallenda walks this line
38. Pull in $$$
39. Church members
44. Lay waste
46. Variety of flatfish
48. Moved around the shallow water
49. Knitting stitches
50. Italy's former currency
51. Glass Tiger singer Mr. Frew
52. Cease
53. Remedy
54. Length unit
55. Filmmaker Ms. Ephron
56. Nell __ (17th-century English actress who was King Charles II's mistress)

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
During all your conversations with others today, you will be calm and realistic. You see the limitations that others have, and you're willing to accept them with grace.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Solitude in beautiful surroundings will please you today, because you want to become more disciplined in an inner way.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Someone older or more experienced might have advice for you today, or they might assist you in some way. It's possible that you will strike up a new friendship, even a romance, with someone of an age difference.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Relationships with bosses and authority figures are excellent today. If others ask for your advice about how to make something look better, you can help them.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a good day to make serious plans about future travel. Likewise, you can make future plans about further education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Some kind of legal ruling might profit you today, because you will benefit from the wealth and resources of others. If something comes your way, just say, "Thank you!"

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A discussion with a partner or close friend will be productive and realisti today. This is because you do not have pie-in-the-sky expectations.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will accomplish a lot at work today because others will help and support you. You find it easy to be polite and reasonable, which is why your relationships will be so positive.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Romance with someone older might take place today. This is a good day to make plans for a vacation, because you won't overlook details.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A discussion with an older family member could be significant today. You also will enjoy budgeting for home redecorating projects.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are calm and realistic today, which is why you get along with others so well. You can even act as a mediator if others disagree.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Your approach to anything financial will be conservative, solid and realistic today. This is a good day to think about a budget. It's also a good day to buy something useful and long-lasting.

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